



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

30-01-2020

Platform

Provincial Affiliation

- Hosting Mob Camp, “Our reveiller les mobs”, with CEGEPs and Concordia
- Follow-up meeting on Bill 21 protest planned
- UEQ beginning a campaign on federal transfer allocation within Ministry of Education

Institutional Memory and Support for Campaigns

- Finished interviews for support staff ahead of February hiring spree
- Supporting faculties and departments institute their own General Assembly provisions
- Set up a meeting of the Solidarity Alliance McGill

Governance Reform

- Helping the Vice-President (Finance) with Internal Regulations revisions
- Drafting the beginnings of a formalized Student Engagement Plan with the Vice-President (Internal), to be fleshed out after Faculty Olympics
- Revisiting revisions to policies related to Human Resources office (HR policy, Accountability Committee, HR Committee, Equity Policy)
- Recommendations made to the Board of Directors regarding precedent for suspensions

Engagement with Montreal

- Relationship established with CRIEM
- Community celebration & anti-valentine’s day party in the works! Keep your eyes peeled



Portfolio

Political Campaigns

- LPSU/C-JAM & Divest: Training camps organised within the membership to ensure continuity with new membership
- Students for Peace & Disarmament: SSMU External Affairs will be hiring a researcher to aid with the documents obtained in 2013
- McGill Food Coalition: First meeting of the semester went successfully
- Mental Health: AGSEM's Working Group met Monday to discuss priorities for the semester. A research plan has been developed for the SSMU researcher.
- Anti-racism: McGill Against Bill 21 met on January 28th to discuss advocacy at the Senate. Charles Taylor was there (!!)

Community Affairs

- C.A.R.E. community public assemblies/potluck meet-and-greets began Monday with the Housing talk
 - 27 Jan: Housing (UTILE, HOJO, Milton-Parc Citizens' Committee)
 - 24 Feb: Frosh & the Community (SPVM, SSMU, McGill)
 - 23 March: Homelessness in the Community (Open Door, Solidarite Milton-Parc, CHASM Incubator)
 - 20 April: Moving In/Out (SSMU Community Affairs)
- "Celebrating Community" event will be held the weekend of Valentine's Day (date confirmed: 14 February). Space for community organisations at McGill and in Milton-Parc to cross-pollinate and meet with first-year students who are looking to get involved
 - Working with CL&E on the first-year outreach for this event
 - It'll be at 3594 Jeanne-Mance! Cool groups like Musicians' Collective, QPIRG, and ECOLE will be there! Also free food!

Community Engagement

- Consolidated list of student groups doing community work ongoing (a giant shout-out to Ariana and Victoria!! Also Adeline!)
- Interviews completed for the Project Coordinator
- Community Narratives Project (communitynarratives.ca) still accepting submissions! This is a good way to publicly display some of the great work students do in the community, and also to showcase some of the challenges we face toward improving our communities! Cool project overall (and a big shout-out to the Equity Committee for their help on this)



Francophone Affairs

- The Committee is super self-directed and incredibly capable. Yay for self-representation!
- A big shout-out to Husayn Jamal, the Communications Department, SSMU President, and Building Director for taking on the labour of a solidarity-building project aimed at securing better infrastructure for French students!
- ESAAC will be discussing the process for submission of work in French. Will they try to sugar-coat it? Stay tuned to find out.

Union Relations

- McGill is STILL a bad employer and drags out negotiations to tire out the parties involved!
 - MUNACA, AGSEM (TA), MCLIU, are all in bargaining and have cited bad faith on the part of the employer
- AMUSE is having their Annual General Meeting (complete with elections) as we speak! Sorry if you had to stay around and miss it, but please meet your new bargaining committee if you are being represented by them
- McGill Communities Council meeting upcoming. This will be the first one without Gregory Mikkelson
- Joined in a solidarity strike on Wednesday because the university fired a service union employee who was on depression leave!

Government Affairs

- UCRU will be going to Parliament Hill to make budget recommendations next week
- UEQ has officially launched a campaign to pressure the government to reinvest \$197 million into the AFE. Our position on accessible education means we oppose this, but let's have this conversation if there's any time left at council after this report! (probably not)

Interfaculty Relations

- OurTurn Task Force met! It was great to see interfaculty collaboration with consultation by student groups
- Working on signing smaller faculties (Medicine, Education) onto the IRP
- Waiting on a finalized date for the Frosh MoU meeting
- Apologies for a lack of clarity on why General Assemblies were being organised in departments around Bill 21! Happy to answer questions about this!



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Projects

Affordable Student Housing

- Capacity-building Affordable Student Housing Plan to be presented before year's end to elaborate collaboration with community actors
- Survey responses are yielding fruitful information
- Notice of a fee motion to be presented to the next meeting of the Legislative Council
- Public assembly held on January 27th to discuss what collaborations on housing could look like

Intergenerational McGill

- No action on this front.